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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: NEXT STEPS

REF: A. USUN 5800; B. PRETORIA 7058

1. IN CONTINUING TO URGE CONTACT GROUP AGREEMENT ON AN
EARLY PUBLICATION OF THE TEXT OF OUR SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL,
USUN SHOULD CONVEY THE VIEWS OF PRETORIA FIVE AS OUTLINED
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IN PARAGRAPH 4 OF REFERENCE B. WE BELIEVE THAT EARLY
PUBLICATION WILL SUBSTANTIALLY NEUTRALIZE THE THREAT OF
SELECTIVE LEAKING BY SAG AND OTHERS. AS FOR ARGUMENTS
RAISED BY OTHER MEMBERS OF CONTACT GROUP CONVEYED IN PARA-
GRAPH 2 OF REFERENCE A, WE THINK THAT WE SHOULD ADVISE THE
PARTIES WHEN WE DELIVER THE PROPOSAL OF OUR INTENT TO
PUBLISH BEFORE PROXIMITY TALKS BEGIN. IF EITHER PARTY

OBJECTS STRONGLY WE WOULD OF COURSE RECONSIDER OUR DECISION. WE BELIEVE PUBLIC POSTURING BEFORE THE TALKS ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL IS INEVITABLE IN ANY CASE AND PUBLICATION WOULD PROBABLY MINIMIZE DAMAGING EFFECTS BY MAKING IT MORE DIFFICULT TO DISTORT NATURE OF PROPOSAL. AS FOR ARGUMENT THAT PUBLICATION WOULD DEPRIVE FIVE OF OPPORTUNITY TO REFINE PROPOSAL, WE SEE PROXIMITY TALKS AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR FURTHER MODIFICATION OF OUR TEXT AND OFFERING PARTIES THEMSELVES AN OPPORTUNITY TO "REFINE" THE PACKAGE.

2. WE AGREE THAT INVITATIONS SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO SWAPO AND SOUTH AFRICA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER DECEMBER 27. AS FOR NOTIFYING FRONT LINE, WE SUGGEST THAT GROUP AGREE TO ADVANCE TIMETABLE IF IT BECOMES APPARENT SOUTH AFRICA WILL ACCEPT OR THAT FRONT LINE PRESSURE ON SWAPO IS NEEDED.

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